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Chairman: Mr. Dos Santos ..... (Mozambique)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.30 p.m.

Election of the Chairman and other officers (*continued*)

1. **The Chairman** said that the Preparatory Committee had agreed, in informal consultations, to increase the number of Vice-Chairmen from 19 to 24. He therefore took it that the Committee wished to elect five additional Vice-Chairmen.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **The Chairman** recalled that, at the Committee's 1st meeting, 12 Vice-Chairmen had been elected from three regional groups. He noted that, in the light of the Committee's decision, it would be necessary to elect one additional Vice-Chairman from each of those groups and read out the list of the candidates endorsed by them. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each Group, he took it that the Committee wished to elect them by acclamation.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Ms. Dobrāja (Latvia) from the Group of Eastern European States and Mr. Insanally (Guyana) from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States were elected Vice-Chairmen of the Preparatory Committee.*

6. **The Chairman** said that no candidate had yet been proposed for the additional vacancy to be filled from the Group of Asian States. He therefore took it that the Committee wished to postpone the election to a later date.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. **The Chairman** said that the Committee still had to elect nine Vice-Chairmen and one Rapporteur and read out the list of the candidates endorsed by the Group of African States and the Group of Western European and Other States. Since the number of candidates endorsed by those Groups was less than or equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each Group, he took it that the Committee wished to elect them by acclamation.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. *Mr. Dangue Réwaka (Gabon), Mr. Diagne (Senegal), Mr. Khairat (Egypt) and Mr. Kuindwa (Kenya) from the Group of African States; and Mr. Calhoun (United States of America), Mr. Charasse (France), Mr. Duarte (Portugal) and Mr. Lindeman (Norway) from the Group of Western European and Other States were elected Vice-Chairmen of the Preparatory Committee; and Mr. Gaillard (Canada) from the Group of Western European and Other States was elected Rapporteur.*

11. **The Chairman** said that no candidate had yet been proposed for the fifth vacancy to be filled from the Group of African States. He therefore took it that the Committee wished to postpone the election to a later date.

12. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.